

**Fact Sheet
July 2003**

**Naval Air Station, Alameda
(Alameda Point-East Housing Site)
Alameda, California
EPA ID # CA 2 170 023 236**



Class 3-Permit Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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INTRODUCTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), is providing this fact sheet to provide information on a proposed Class 3 Permit Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit at the Naval Air Station, Alameda. The City of Alameda, is asking DTSC to exclude the East Housing Area from the facility wide Hazardous Waste Facility Permit boundary. This fact sheet will provide you with information on the:

- Project Location and Description
- Results of Site Investigations
- The California Environmental Quality Act (**CEQA**) Process
- Public Participation Opportunities

PROJECT LOCATION AND EXTENT OF CLASS 3 PERMIT MODIFICATION

Alameda Naval Air Station, now known as Alameda Point, is located on the west end of the City of Alameda in Alameda County, along the eastern side of the San Francisco Bay. The City of Alameda requested a Class 3 permit modification to exclude the East Housing Area from the hazardous waste permitted facility boundary. The City published a public notice and held a 60-day public comment period from May 15, 2003 to July 15, 2003. The City held a public meeting on June 18, 2003 at Alameda Point, no members of the public attended the meeting.

(Items in bold are defined in the glossary on page 3)

**Public Comment Period
on Class 3 Permit
Modification**

**Starts: July 29, 2003
Ends: September 12, 2003**

DTSC invites public comments during the 45 day Public Comment Period. Please send all comments to:

Dean Wright (916) 255-6528
Standardized Permits and
Corrective Action Branch
Department of Toxic
Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

A public meeting will be held if there is a significant public interest. Please submit all requests for a public hearing in writing, including the issues to be raised, to the address listed above, by September 12, 2003.

All comments received will be considered before a final decision is made and commentors will be mailed a written response.

Project Description

The Navy Air Station (NAS), Alameda, was one of the U.S. Navy's major air stations on the West Coast beginning in the 1940's. The station berthed and serviced aircraft carriers and supporting ships, repaired, maintained, and overhauled aircraft as well. Most of the eastern half of NAS Alameda, with the exception of the East Housing Area, was heavily developed, principally with industrial support facilities and administrative offices for the airfield, while most of the western half of the station was occupied by the runways, taxiways, aprons, aircraft hangers, and undeveloped intervening acreage. The area covered by NAS Alameda included approximately 2,634 acres, of which the East Housing Area comprises approximately 87 acres.

NAS Alameda was listed for closure in September 1993, and ceased operations in April 1997. Upon closure, the area was renamed Alameda Point. The Navy is currently in the process of transferring Alameda Point land to the City of Alameda and the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority. The East Housing Area was transferred to the City of Alameda Community Improvement Commission (CIC) in June 2001.

The East Housing Area which is the subject of this fact sheet, has never operated as a hazardous waste handling area of any kind. (please see map)

Previous Environmental Work at East Housing Area:

Although no hazardous waste management was ever located on the East Housing Area, a layer of soil called the *Marsh Crust* may be present below the surface and has been investigated. The *Marsh Crust* is a potentially contaminated soil horizon which resulted from the discharge of petroleum wastes to marshlands adjacent to a manufactured gas plant and an oil refinery located near Alameda Point from the late 1800's into the 1920's. The discharge, which was rich in semi volatile organic compounds including **polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)** was spread over much of the surface of the surrounding marsh and deposited on the marsh surface through tidal actions. In addition, a supplemental soil analysis was conducted in April 2001 to determine the presence of **Organochlorine Pesticides (OCPs)** which had been used by the base and the former residents of the East Housing to control insects. The *Marsh Crust* was not found in any of the 69 borings drilled, however, there were some detections of PAHs and Organochlorine Pesticides that were above background or health risk goals. To remediate these hazards, 29,270 tons of impacted soil was excavated and disposed of off-site between April and August of 2002. The remediation work was done according to the Demolition and Organochlorine Pesticide Removal Workplan, April 23, 2002.

What will I see at the Site?

Currently the East Housing Area is vacant and has been cleared of all buildings and graded. The East Housing property was conveyed to the City and no further corrective action was required under Chapter 6.5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

To comply with CEQA, DTSC is acting as a responsible agency on this Class 3 permit modification project. DTSC reviewed and considered the environmental effects of the project as shown in the various environmental documents prepared by the City of Alameda.

In its role as a Responsible Agency under the provisions of the CEQA, DTSC concurs with the findings and mitigation measures adopted by the City of Alameda and subsequent Ordinance, Covenant. Using its independent judgment, DTSC determined that these documents adequately addressed potential impacts and mitigation measures to ensure that approval of the Class 3 Permit Modification would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment. No additional DTSC mitigation measures are deemed necessary to approve the Class 3 Permit Modification; no DTSC monitoring plan is required pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6.

A Notice of Determination stating the above findings will be filed with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office

of Planning and Research pursuant to Section 15096(i) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Glossary

1. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - A law enacted by the State of California to require a public agency to conduct an environmental analysis of any project subject to its discretionary approval. CEQA's main objectives are to disclose to the decision makers and the public the significant environmental effects of proposed activities and to require agencies to avoid or reduce the environmental effects by implementing feasible alternatives or mitigation measures.

2. Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) - A common group of natural and man made hydrocarbon compounds made up of multiple benzene rings which occur in air, water, and soil. They are found in materials such as oil, grease, and asphalt. PAHs can also be formed during the incomplete burning of meat, tobacco, and garbage.

3. Organochlorine Pesticides (OPCs) - A group of pesticides that are toxic to humans and resistant to degradation. They also bio-accumulate in the food chain.



Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3933.

For More Information

If you would like more information regarding this project, please call DTSC Project Manager Dean Wright at (916) 255-6528, or Public Participation Specialist Jesus Cruz at (510) 540-3933. For media questions, please call DTSC Public Information Officer Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732. You may contact us by e-mails: Dean Wright: dwright@dtsc.ca.gov or Jesus Cruz: jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov

Information Repositories

The draft Modified Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and the CEQA Statement of Findings which are part of the Administrative Record for the site are available for public review at:

Alameda Interim Library
2200 A-Central Avenue
Alameda, California 94501
(510) 749-5952

Additional related documents are available for public review at:

DTSC File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
Phone (510) 540-3800 (Call for an appointment)

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain additional information about the Site using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Jesus Cruz at (510) 540-3933.

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